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DATE: May 13, 2014  
TO: Fremont Library Advisory Commission  
FROM: Sallie Pine, Manager of Fremont Libraries  
SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MEETING: FREMONT LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Date: May 19, 2014  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd.  
Fremont, CA 94538

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

#### ROLL CALL

Ruchi Sahota, Chair  
Joe Samagond, Vice Chair  
Tariq Ali

Deepak Chhabra  
Chitraleka Vivek  
Zafir Shalq

Joseph Smith  
Felix Lechner

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| 1. Welcome and any introductions  | 2 min.  |
| 2. Public Comment: An opportunity for any in attendance at the meeting to address the Commission briefly on items not on the agenda | 3 min.  |
| *3. Minutes of March 17, 2014 Meeting   | 5 min.  |
| 4. Commissioner Reports on Activities Since Last Meeting  | 10 min. |
| 5. Downtown Fremont On the Rise!, Alina Kwak  | 20 min. |
| 6. Youth Commissioner Application Review  | 10 min. |
| 7. Manager's Report, Sallie Pine  | 10 min. |
| 8. Comments, Announcements and Agenda Items, Date for Next Meeting  | 5 min.  |
| 9. Adjournment  |         |

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**ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY  
FREMONT LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 17, 2014**

*These minutes are draft in nature and will not be final until approved by the Library Commission on May 19, 2014.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Ruchi Sahota, Chair.

**FLAC Members Present**

Ruchi Sahota, Chair  
Tariq Ali  
Joe Samagond  
Zafir Shaiq

**Members Absent**

Deepak Chhabra  
Chitraleka Vivek

**Staff Present**

Sallie Pine, Branch Manager, Fremont Libraries

Alina Kwak, City of Fremont Management Analyst

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

No introductions needed.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. Minutes of the meeting of January 27, 2014**

The minutes from the meeting of January 27, were approved unanimously after being so moved by Commissioner Zafir Shaiq and seconded by Commissioner Tariq Ali.

**4. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Sahota recounted an anecdote about being told by a community member how wonderful it is that the library is open on Sundays now.

**5. Update on Library Café**

No news has been received by the group from the City. Alina Kwak suggested that Patrice Jamison, assistant to the city Manager, be contacted.

6. Youth Commissioner

Recruitment for the Youth Commissioner was discussed, including posting of flyers to the recreation centers, MVROP and to the PTA Council.

7. Report from City Liaison

Alina Kwak reported that the food trucks would be returning to the Fremont "Downtown on the Rise" in April, and that other events were planned, including live music on the last Friday of the month. The annual Fremont Arts and Wine Festival will be on August 2-3, this year.

8. Manager's Report

Sallie Pine reported that she had been at the biennial Public Library Association conference in Indianapolis, and brought back a number of new ideas, including ways to introduce maker spaces to Fremont libraries. Shortly before she left, she was involved in writing a grant that would be awarded to 10 libraries in the nation through the Harwood Institute. This institute emphasizes "turning outward" to determine community needs and wants rather than having libraries and other institutions simply present a program or project. The grant was written to propose asking the community what they would like to see the library system do with the underutilized Irvington Library, which could be made into a Creative Commons (maker space) if the community likes that idea.

Sallie also reported that a local Girl Scout troop is adopting the Centerville Library's front "lawn" and will be, with the permission of the City, replacing the grass with native plants.

For the report on programming, see appendix A.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting date: September 15, 2014.

## Appendix A: Programming in the Fremont Libraries late January-mid March

### Fremont Main

*For everyone:*

- The Year of the Horse was ushered in by our annual Chinese New Year celebration; as usual, there was a packed house.



- Our celebration of Nowruz (Vernal Equinox/New Year in the Farsi speaking part of the world) was held on Saturday, March 1. It was very well received well by the community; 208 people attended. As in previous years, the audience was a diverse crowd, some coming from as far away as Monterey. The dance performances by Ballet Afsaneh and live music by the Ebrahimi brothers made this a very lively event. There were seven dancers who performed dances from Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Iran, and at the end of the program they invited the audience to participate and dance with them.

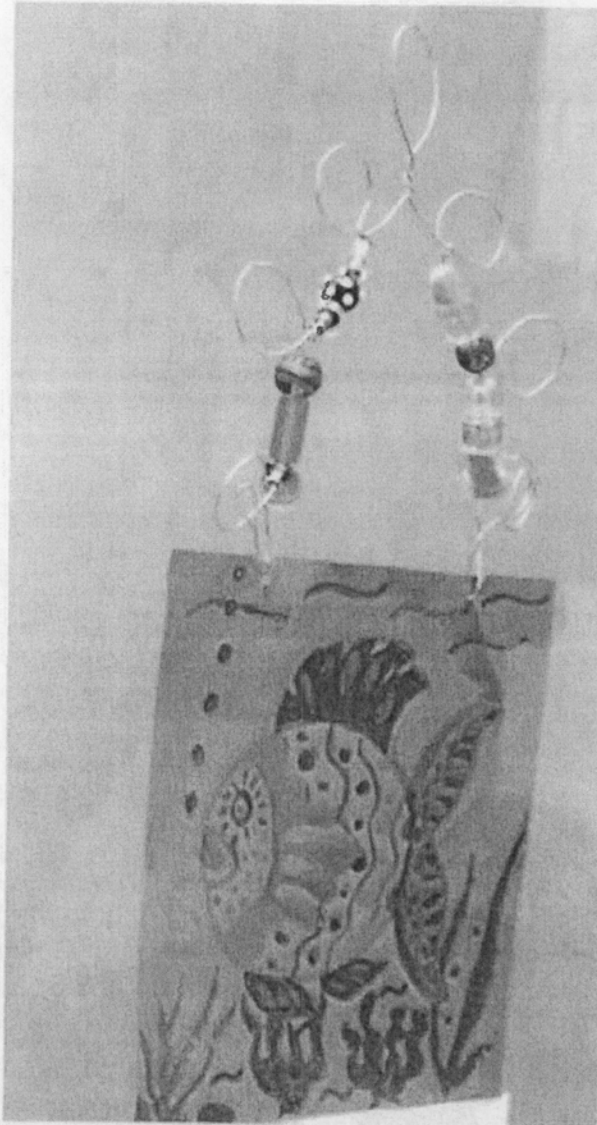


- In March, FRM hosted a system-wide staff art exhibit that included painting, knitting, wood work, jewelry, quilting, graphic arts, beading, scrapbooking and more.



### *Adults and Teens*

- The first weekend of February was the beginning of both the VITA tax service and the library's hosting of enrollers and counselors for Covered California. We were able to secure speakers of both Mandarin and Spanish for all of the weekends; sometimes we had additional language skills among those doing the educating and enrolling.
- Programs for small business included a series on taxation, and there were programs for investors, too.
- In an adults-only craft program in February, participants created Mexican Tin Art.

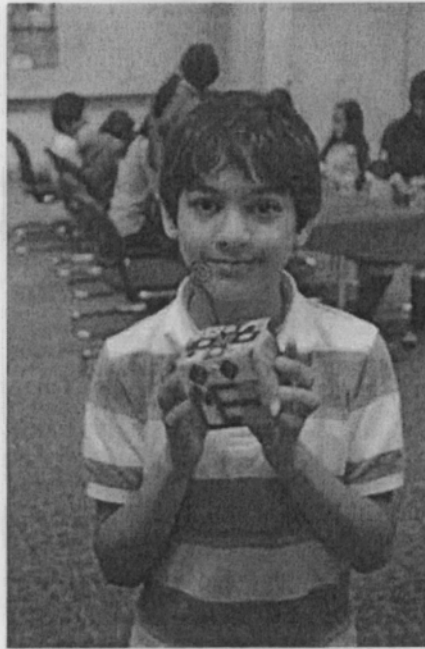


- As part of Art IS education month, adults attended a brown bag lecture with writer Sunita Parasuraman, who discussed the art of storytelling, and took classes on digital photography.

#### *For Children*

- In addition to the usual storytimes, toddler times, lap sits and baby bounce programs, two new kinds of story times were introduced: Stay and Play, where parents stay at the library with their children and play with them with various age appropriate educational toys, and a Special Needs story time, also with a play session afterward with toys geared to that audience.
- A new parenting class began.
- On February 22, tweens (grades 6-9) made photo boxes in a craft session.





- On March 15, kids made little books to "tell their story" and also a collage for the library to display

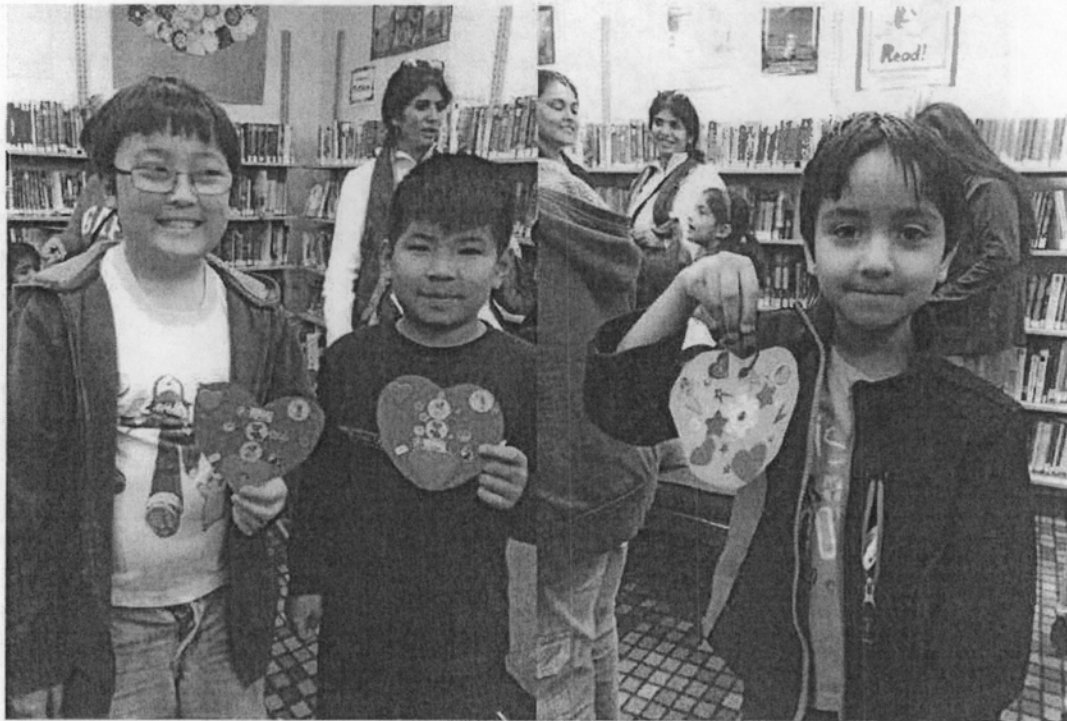




## Centerville

### Valentine's Day Craft – February 11, 2014

Kids made their own heart shaped valentine for a friend or family member. This craft was open for kids of all ages. We had about 60 kids come through the valentine craft station.



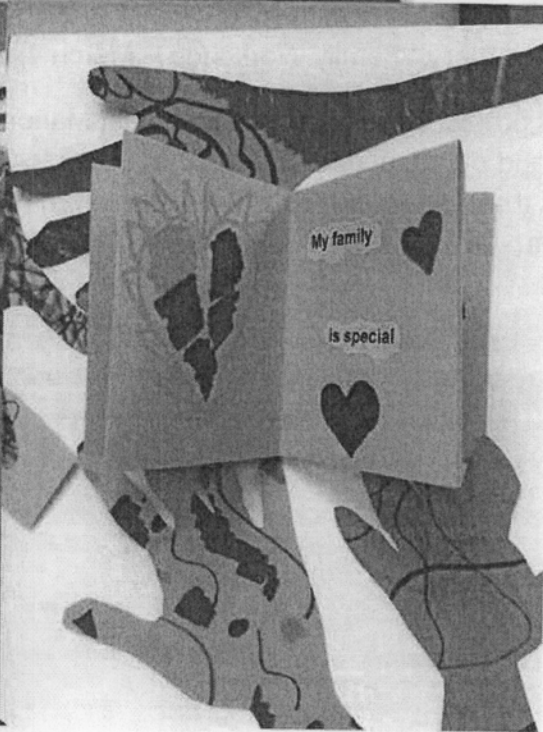
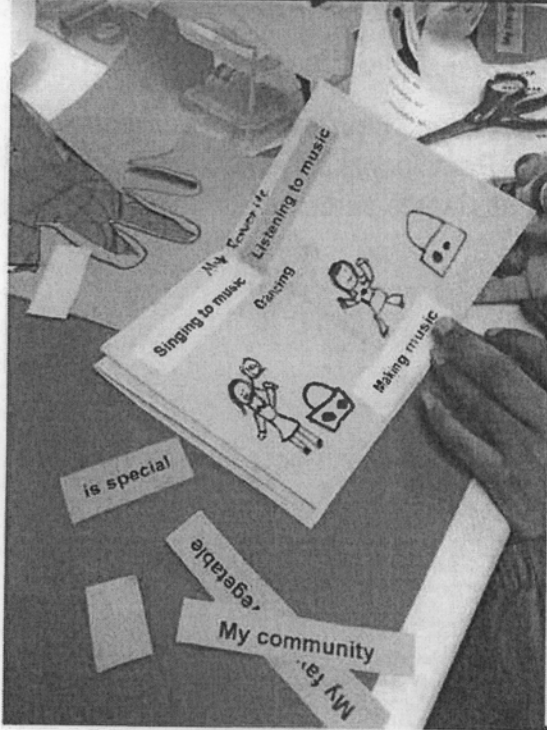
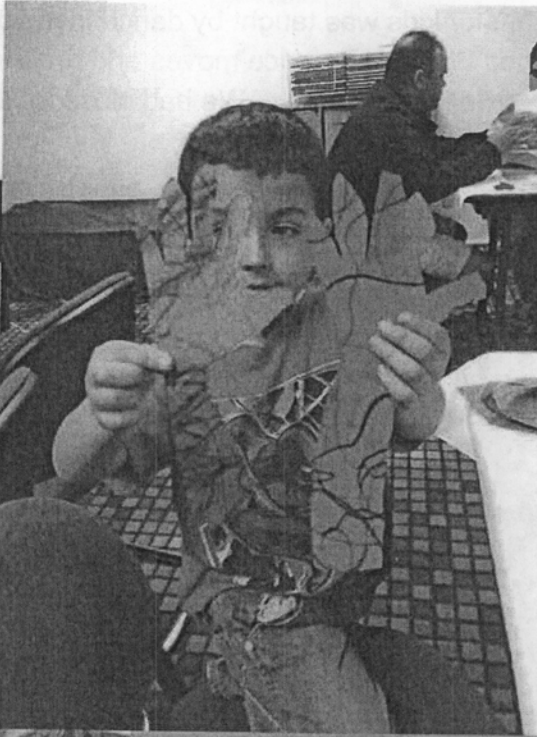
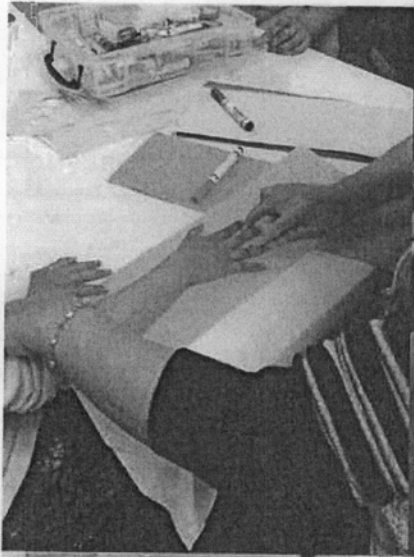
Bollywood Babies – Tuesdays through March

This dance program for kids was taught by dance instructor Sunita Raj. Kids and their parents learned Bollywood dance moves and routines and had the chance to perform together to Bollywood music. We had close to 30 people attend each session.



"Tell Your Story!" Family Workshop – March 4, 2014

This art project was taught by local artist Marion Coleman. Families created colorful hands and personal mini books to tell their stories. Participants created a community artwork that was displayed in the library. We had 38 people participate in this program.



### Irvington and Niles

Adult crafting is taking off in Irvington and Niles. Here, women at Niles make a Tin Art piece while joyfully chatting away and enjoying some quiet time. One patron commented, "I can't believe how relaxed I am! I can feel the tension leave my body as I create."

